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Sir.

The Applicant respectfully requests the inventorship of the aboveidentified patent application to be amended to remove James W. Bower and Wesley C. Koontz as inventors. The inventions of Bowers and Koontz are no longer claimed in the present application.

The \$130.00 processing fee set forth in section 1.17(i) is included. Please call the undersigned attorney if any issues remain after this

amendment.

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